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In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 1614

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For: METHANESULFONIC ACID SALT OF PYRAZOLOPYRIMIDINE COMPOUND,
CRYSTAL THEREOF, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

**SUBMISSION OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT**

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Sir:

Attached please find a copy of an English Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report received from the Applicants, to advance prosecution in the event such is not readily available from the International Bureau. Claims 1-19 and 21-23 of the application were found to be novel, involve an inventive step and include industrial applicability.

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International application No. PCT/JP2004/009263	International filing date (day/month/year) 24 June 2004 (24.06.2004)
Applicant ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD. et al	

1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.



The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I).



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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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International application No. PCT/JP2004/009263	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 24 June 2004 (24.06.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 25 June 2003 (25.06.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
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4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis .2).

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference

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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

International application No.

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25.06.2003

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
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 - c. time of filing/furnishing
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application

☒ claims Nos. 20

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 20
relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

The invention described in claim 20 includes a method of treatment of the human body by therapy and contains items for which an International Preliminary Examination is not required.

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____
are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported
by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☒ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 20

☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

☐ has not been furnished

☐ does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

☐ has not been furnished

☐ does not comply with the standard

☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

☐ See Supplemental Box for further details.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-19, 21-23	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-19, 21-23	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-19, 21-23	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1 : WO 02/053565 A1

Document 2 : WO 97/11946 A1

Document 3 : JP 5-112571 A

The inventions described in claims 1-19 and 21-23 are neither described in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.

In addition to describing "8-(3-Pentylamino)-2-methyl-3-(2-chloro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-cyclopenta[d]pyrazolo[1,5-a]-pyrimidine hydrochloride," document 1 also describes its CRF antagonism activity, but no document cited in the ISR describes or suggests advantages in pharmaceutical production wherein the stability of a compound is improved by a specified salt or crystallization of a specified salt.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 16 describes a drug wherein a compound of claim 1 is combined with another drug, but results of pharmacological testing shown in the description are only CRF antagonism activity of the compound of claim 1, and combinations with other drugs cannot be stated to be adequately supported by the description.